Brief Historical Sketch of Madam Emily Bram Bibby's Church Life

Madam Emily Bram Bibby was born in Dallas County Texas in an old house in the middle of a cotton patch where you did not have to go outside to see if the sun was shining. Her cradle was her mother's cotton sack. She often says, "I was born in the middle of the cotton patch and look at me now. The Lord has blessed me to serve under every national leader in the Church of God in Christ." The national leaders that signed her first license were Bishop C.H. Mason and Mother Lizzie Robinson. She has been closely connected to every leader we have ever had. She was just a teenager when the Lord saved her mother. "My mother had let me live with my uncle. He taught me how to gamble and play cards. When she got saved, she came and got me and brought me to live with her. She told me that I had to quit all those bad things."

As a teenager, the Lord began to deal with her State Mother, Mother Hannah Chandler concerning this young aspiring missionary. When she called for young Emily to come over to her house, Madam Bibby said that she was so nervous and wondered what she had done wrong. She sat on the porch and cried while the women talked before calling her into the house. Mother Chandler told her that the Lord had a great calling on her life. I am not giving you this paper (licenses) to run all over the country. And, for 15 years they kept her traveling with an older mother or a pastor and wife. For years they would only give her 3, 5 and 7 minutes.

About the dress code, she says that in the old days if we dressed then like we do now, they would put us out of the church. If your dress was over six inches from the floor, the old mothers would take the hem out right there. And you would not pout. They taught us that women could not wear anything that pertaineth to a man. You did not wear sleeves above the elbow. We did not press hair. We were glad when Bishop Mason said, "He'll make the crooked straight." Many women's faces were scarred pressing hair because they used a fork to press the hair. We have to watch ourselves saints and make a difference between Holy and unholy. Beautiful hats are all right if you put a beautiful life under the hat. When you go shopping, ask yourself how I would look shouting in this.

In the church that she grew up in, you had to bring your own Bible to church. Before you testified, you had to present your Bible. She teaches that God is looking at us steal His dime and asking Him to bless us with a Cadillac or a new home. She frequently quotes the scripture, "If my people, who are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn…" Some of us are humble but have not yet turned, she says.

According to Madam Bibby, the church that Bishop Mason and Mother Robinson prayed out, the name was Church of God in Christ. It is a do as you are told church. What your leader says do, do it, and if it is not right, the Lord will get the leader. We are growing a church within a church. Some are the COGIC – Initials are all right but they can stand for anything – Celery Onions Garlic in Chili and COGIC folks do as they please. Church of God in Christ folks do as you are told and Look where He has brought us from.

Madam Bibby and Mother Gorham are the only two left from the original Advisory Board. She has worked with the finance department of the Women's International Convention since its inception. She currently serves as expediter. She has been an evangelist for more than seventy years... While living in Brooklyn, New York, she served as assistant pastor to Bishop F. D. Washington and preached at many national convocations under his umbrella. For many years she and Evangelist S.E. Mitchell conducted late night services at Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee after the Convocation services each night. She has conducted revivals in almost every state in the United States and other countries. The delegates at the 53rd Women's International Convention 2003 in Tampa, Florida enjoyed her message on Thursday Evening of the Convention.

Madam Bibby is married to the first love of her life and lives with her husband, Deacon Luchin Bibby, Sr., on Bibby Road in Marion, Louisiana. She is a member of the Litroe Church of God in Christ in Louisiana First Jurisdiction.

Madam Emily Bram Bibby is a woman who loves God, loves God's people, and loves sharing His word and lives up to her word.

From notes taken by President Emma Clark, a recording secretary at the 52nd Women's International Convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, Friday Morning, May 31, 2002

Someone Special

People come into your life for a Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime
When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do.

Madam Emily Bram Bibby

When someone is in your life for a Reason,
It is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly.
They have come to assist you through
a difficulty, to provide guidance and support,
to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
They may seem like a godsend, and they are.
They are here for the Reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrong doing on your part or at an inconvenient time,
this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.
Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away.
Sometimes they act up or out and force you to take a stand.
What we must realize is that our need has been met,
and our desire fulfilled; their work is done.
The prayer you sent up has been answered and it is time to move on.

When people come into your life for a Season,
It is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn.
They may bring you an experience of peace or make you
laugh. They teach you something you have never done.
They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy.
Believe it! It is real! But, only for a Season.

Lifetime relationships teach you lifetime lessons,
All those things you must build upon
in order to have a solid emotional foundation.
Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person;
and put what you have learned to use in all other
relationships and areas of your life.
It is said that love is blind but friendship has a special sense.

Thank you for being a part of our lives.
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